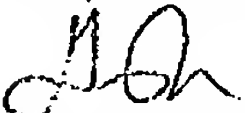

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Filed: January 28, 2002
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Group: 1761
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE


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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a Response for one month from March 3, 2004 to April 3, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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